Tamil Guerilla groups in India

238. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Lankan Tamil guerilla groups are operating from Indian soil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The information is being obtained from the Government of Tamil Nadu and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cleaning of DTC buses

239. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the buses under DTC operation are not cleaned, swept and dusted by the private owners daily before operation;

(b) whether it is a fact that DTC-owned buses are also not swept, cleaned and dusted before they take off from the Depots for the first time in a day; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in affirmative, the concrete steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The DTC have informed that some instances where the buses of private owners are not cleaned properly, have been noticed. As regards DTC's buses, regular arrangements have been made to ensure that before outshedding from the Depots, the buses are swept, cleaned and dusted.

(c) A statement regarding the steps taken by DTC in respect of both DTC and Private owned buses is enclosed.

Statement

There are strict instructions to the owners of the private buses to keep their buses neat, clean and tidy while plying on the routes.

The private buses are being checked on line by a special squad consisting of the DTC checking officials. In case any irregularity is detected, the buses are being challaned on the spot and departmental action is initiated against the owner of the bus.

Besides this, action is also being taken on receipt of the public complaints/reports in this regard.

As a result of checking by DTC's checking officials, 39 private buses were challaned for non-cleanliness of buses and fine levied.

As on date, the DTC is having a fleet strength of 4408 buses. For cleaning, washing and sweeping of the vehicles, 22 cleaners are provided against 100 buses. In the depots, all the buses are thoroughly swept in the night shift where sufficient no. of sweeper/cleaners are provided specially for the purpose. In case of any left-over in the night shift, the depots have provided sweepers/cleaners in the morning shift also to clean and sweep the left-over vehicles from the night shift. DTC has also provided sweepers/cleaners at various terminals to sweep and clean the vehicles during the shift change-overs. The depots have also time roster for washing twice in a week glass cleaning of buses. The buses are also checked at the depot gate for their cleanliness and presentability by the Traffic Inspectors, posted at the Depot Control Room, before these are sent on line.

Jharkhand problem

240. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any headway in solving the Jharkhand problem; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) In order to find ways and means of arriving at a viable solution to the Jharkhand problem, Ministry of Home Affairs had constituted a Committee on Jharkhand Matters on 23-8-1989. The Committee submitted its report to the Union Home Minister on 18-5-1990. The representatives of the Bihar Govt. who were also members of the Committee, during the finalisation of the report, expressed their inability to comment authoritatively on the views of the Experts in the absence of directions from the Govt. of Bihar. They, however, undertook to convey their Government's reaction after the Report was made available to the State Government. A copy of the Report of the Committee was, therefore, sent to the Government of Bihar on 4-6-1990 for obtaining their views on the recommendations of the report. The views of the Government of Bihar are awaited.

Agitation by Telecommunication employees

241. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telecommunication employees are agitating for the last so many months; and

(b) if so, what are their main demands and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) There was agitation by two Associations viz. 'Junior Telecom Officers, Association and Telecom Engineering Service Association in May, 1990. The demands generally relate to the promotional prospects of the officers. An agreement has been arrived at with the Associations and is under implementation.

मध्य प्रदेश में कम शक्ति और उच्च शक्ति वाले दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटरों की स्थापना

242. श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में कम शक्ति और उच्च शक्ति वाले कुल कितने दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटरों की स्थापना की गई और इन्हें किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थापित किया गया है ;

(ख) क्या इन ट्रांसमीटरों को उस राज्य की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त समझा जाता है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं तो विद्यमान ट्रांसमीटरों की क्षमता में वृद्धि करने और नये ट्रांसमीटरों की स्थापना के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० उपेन्द्र) : (क) इस समय मध्य प्रदेश में, 4 उच्च शक्ति (10 कि०वा०) ट्रांसमीटर, 49 अल्पशक्ति (100 वाट) दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटर तथा एक ट्रांसपोजर कार्यरत हैं। जिन स्थानों पर ये ट्रांसमीटर लगाए गए उनके नाम संलग्न विवरण में दिए गए हैं। (नीचे देखिए)

(ख) और (ग) राज्य में इस समय कार्यरत ट्रांसमीटर राज्य की लगभग 57.4 प्रतिशत जनसंख्या को सेवा प्रदान कर रहे हैं। मौजूदा अल्प शक्ति (100 वाट) दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटरों के स्थान पर जबलपुर में (10 कि०वा०) तथा जगदलपुर में (1 कि०वा०) लगाए जा रहे उच्च शक्ति ट्रांसमीटरों के चालू हो जाने पर मध्य प्रदेश को लगभग 69.3 प्रतिशत जनसंख्या को दूरदर्शन सेवा उपलब्ध हो जाने की उम्मीद है। राज्य में दूरदर्शन सेवा का और विस्तार, इस प्रयोजन के लिए साधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा।